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The above referenced Search Reports indicate that U.S. 4,212,823, U.S. 4,749,643, U.S. 6,787,147 and U.S. 4,891,212 are substantively cumulative English language counterparts of DE 24 02 695, DE 35 31 383, WO 00/24369 and EP 0 376 565. As well as U.S. 6,037,487, U.S. 6,407,247 and 5,945,091 are all substantively cumulative English language counterparts of EP 0 852 137.

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The Examiner is requested to consider the foregoing information in relation to this application and indicate that each reference was considered by returning a copy of the initialed PTO 1449 forms.

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